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SECOND PHASE OF RCH PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Second phase of the Reproductivity and Child Health Programme (RCH-II) to reduce the incidence of maternal and infant morbidity and mortality and also unwanted pregnancies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated to various States under the RCH-II during each of the last three years including the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India has launched the Second Phase of the Reproductive and Child Health (RCHJI) programme with effect from 01.04.2005 for a period of five years.
The programme aims to reduce Total Fertility Rate (TFR), Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in the country. Under the programme, flexibility is provided to the States to devise need based Programme Implementation Plans (PIP) to amongst others (i)address the unmet need for contraception;

(ii) promote Skilled Care at Birth;

(iii) increase coverage of immunization;

(iv) introduce Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses;

(v) enhance availability of facilities for institutional deliveries and emergency obstetric care;

(vi) provide skilled care to pregnant women at the community level;

(vii) improve coverage ante-natal and postnatal care and

(viii) address other related reproductive, maternal and child health care needs of their respective populace.

(c): The funds allocated to the various States under the RCH-II programme since its inception in 2005-06 as well as those proposed for the current year are detailed in the Annexure.